

feeding means being provided with an axial through bore for moveably receiving said retracting means (6), and said inner feeding means being disposed for movement in said bore of said outer feeding means;
said gear mechanism (32; 132) being coupled to said inner feeding means and said outer feeding means; and
a pushing means (36; 150) for pushing the gear mechanism (32; 132), the outer feeding means (33; 133) and the proximal plug member (3) with respect to the casing (30; 130) of the tool, in a direction towards the wound.

8. (Once amended) A system for closing a wound in a punctured vessel, **characterized in** that a sealing device according to claim 7 is inserted and mated by the use of a tool.

11. (Newly added) A system as for closing a wound in a punctured vessel according to claim 8, wherein the tool comprises a gear mechanism coupled to the retracting means for converting a movement of the tool in a proximal direction away from the wound, when the distal plug member is anchored in a vessel, to a pushing movement for moving the proximal plug member in a direction toward the distal plug member in response to a stretching force in the retracting means.

REMARKS

The amendments which are proposed in this response are deemed to improve the clarity and form of the claims. Support for the newly presented claim is found in at least originally presented claim 1.

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